

Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd

Agenda for board meeting of 29 April 2009, Substitution Pty Ltd, 1/484 William Street, North Melbourne

1. Minutes

That the minutes of the meeting of 25 March 2009 be approved as a true and accurate record.

2. Business arising from the meeting of 25 March 2009

2.1 Co-operative Education

The Chairman has communicated with Graeme Charles concerning the board decision of 25 March 2009 to write to Graeme expressing this appreciation and the hope that he might subsequently become available to present the workshops and that on the formation of his new co-operative it was hoped that it would seek membership of Co-operatives Victoria and agree to explore opportunities for mutual co-operation with Co-operatives Victoria. Chairman to report on Graeme's response.

Chairperson to also report on contact with Chris Cooper.

The Secretary reported that the co-operative education brochure had been revised but not reprinted

Reports on the following co-operative education initiatives:

| Co-operative/Organisation | Follow-up Responsibility |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| CAV | Tony O'Shea and David Griffiths |
| CERC | Shirley Faram and David Griffiths |
| MECU | David Dinning and Tony O'Shea |
| Murray Goulburn | Tony O'Shea and Niel Black |

2.2 Meeting CAV

Tony O'Shea to report on third quarterly meeting with CAV on 26 March 2009.

2. 3. Co-operatives Australia

Tony O'Shea and David Griffiths to report on Co-operatives Australia

Letter has been sent to the Prime Minister with Co-operatives Australia statement Public Policy and Co-operatives.

Chairperson is following-up Prime Minister's Office.

The statement will shortly be uploaded to web sites e.g. australia.coop

An interim Co-operatives Australia logo has been adopted – thanks to Ramsay Margolis – and used for CA letterheads, the Public policy and Co-operatives statement and Co-operatives Australia sub domain.

The next Co-operatives Australia meeting is on 5 May 2009 to be organised by Co-operatives Victoria.

3. Financial Statements

The Treasurer David Dinning will present financial statements

Note that the Secretary has been engaged for the next 12 months by SEHC on a monthly retainer of which will generate a minimum income for Co-operatives Victoria of \$3200.

Treasurer will be presenting a proposal to go to other members of Co-operatives Australia concerning the design cost of developing the Public Policy and Co-operatives statement and developing the Co-operatives Australia sub-domain.

4. australia.coop

David Griffiths reported that the australia.coop web site had been relaunched with Co-operatives Victoria as the new Home Page with a link to the news of the former Home Page.

There had been a significant redesign of australia.coop to increase the site's use of free open source software. Joomla, Joomla has easy deployment, an intuitive administration user interface, simple editing of content, polished modules for things like calendars and polls, easy addition of modules and a large community of developers.

The features of the site now include:

A dynamic and searchable calendar

A poll.

Accessibility compliant

Email and pdf conversion of articles.

Two sub domains - <http://education.australia.coop> and <http://health.australia.coop>

A sub-domain has also been developed for Co-operatives Australia. <http://ca.australia.coop>

There has been limited but positive reaction to date.

5. Co-operatives Victoria Logo

A new Co-operatives Victoria logo has been quickly developed thanks to Substitution Pty. Ltd and implemented on the web site.

6. Productivity Commission Review of the Contribution of the Not-For-Profit Sector

At the last meeting on 25 March 2009 it was that it would be desirable for Co-operatives Australia to make a submission to the Review. There has been some interest but it is uncertain at this point of time what will be the eventual decision.

7. Future Meeting Schedule

Future meetings schedule:

15 July 2009

26 August 2009

18 November 2009

AGM: 18 November 2009.

Next Meeting: 10: 30. am, 15 July 2009, Substitution Pty Ltd, 1/484 William Street, North Melbourne